

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**Minutes of Franklin Township**

**Regular Meeting**

**Held at 2193 Frank Road**

**September 21, 2017**

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Chairman Cook called the regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:34 P.M. September 21, 2017 at 2193 Frank Road.

Chairman Horn gave the welcome.

Pastor Snodgrass led the township meeting in prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes, Cook, yes

Chairman Horn made a motion to table the past meeting minutes.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes, Cook, yes.

Fleshman explained why we were tabling the minutes. It was due to the discrepancy of the bills and payroll from a previous meeting.

Lisa gave an explanation of why the minutes were getting tabled, and that Teresa was unaware of the “withholdings” not being a part of the payroll, causing a discrepancy in the amount in payroll at a previous meeting.

**Vice-Chairman Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.**

**RESOLUTION 17-287**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves payroll in the amount of \$143,682.03 and bills in the amount of \$27,335.02 totaling \$171,017.05. From check number 44130 to check number 44246.**

Chairman Horn seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes, Cook, yes.

**Chairman Horn moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.**

**RESOLUTION 17-289**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to place Teresa Rodriguez on FMLA as of 9/21/2017.**

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No second was given. Resolution was not adopted.

Teresa is not qualified to receive FMLA. You must have worked 1,250 hours within a 12 month period to apply for FMLA.

**Chairman Horn moved for the adoption of the following Resolutions.**

**RESOLUTION 17-290**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 2889 El Paso. Parcel ID: 140-005142-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes.

**RESOLUTION 17-291**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1814 Harrisburg Pike. Parcel ID: 140-001371-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes.

**RESOLUTION 17-292**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1622 Peabody. Parcel ID: 140-000641-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes.

**RESOLUTION 17-293**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 3712 Plainview. Parcel ID: 140-002014-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes.

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## RESOLUTION 17-294

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 3548 Plainview. Parcel ID: 140-002036-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes, Cook, yes.

Chairman Horn moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.

## RESOLUTION 17-295

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Community Development Block Grant.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

**Police Department:** Chief Byron Smith: discussion was had about having a “sub-station” at Havenwood. Some concerns would be; 1) We do not own the property, so we could be evicted. 2) It’s not government property, nor is it secured, so we cannot have our automatic weapons there. 3) If one of our cars were damaged while on their property, who will be liable to pay the \$1,000.00 deductible for the insurance?

Cook questioned about possibly putting a fence around our cars to keep them protected. Horn suggested us get more information and figures together. Horn stated that we are not willing to put all of our police officers at Havenwood.

Eddricko Williams who is a representative for Havenwood stated that they were willing to do whatever was needed. They would like us there as soon as possible. Havenwood has security from 7pm-7am as of now. There is a Block Watch starting up, and Eddricko is working with the local Masque to help with watching for any trouble in the neighborhood.

It was suggested that maybe one of our Sergeants be given an office there, or they contract to have an officer present on a regular basis. Or, possibly they would hire an officer.

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Lack of parking spaces was mentioned as a potential problem. Jim Stevens has striped curbs and spaces to help with this issue. Fencing around our vehicles would eliminate any issues of parking for our Officers.

Sergeants Collective Bargaining Unit: Our two Sergeants would like to join the Bargaining Unit. No resolution would be needed, just approval of the Board. However, Don opposed it stating, "we can't move them around if they are in the union, and they will be able to discipline." Chief stated, "we'd follow the same policy we have now. Other township's Sergeants are in the Bargaining Unit."

Resident: Mike stated that they wouldn't ask for it if they didn't feel it necessary. He also asked if the Sergeants were paying the fees without the benefits. Chief's reply was, "yes".  
Horn's response to Mike's statement of the Sergeants feeling it necessary was, "I hope Franklin Township doesn't have this problem."

Horn stated the Sergeants are already part of the Union, that they just wanted to be added to the Collective Bargaining Unit. Fleshman asked for an explanation. Chief stated, "it would stop us from being able to be malicious towards them." "We would have to treat them fairly." Cook recommended opposing the motion. Horn and Fleshman requested more information, and a meeting was set for Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:00pm to discuss further.

Chief Smith went on to talk about the 4 new cars that we are obtaining. It would bring the total of cars to 7. 2 of the older but better cars he would like to keep for the part time officers to use. This would save on the mileage on the newer cars, making them last longer. In order to do this, we would have to install radios and computers in the 2 older cars. He is requesting a resolution be adopted for the Police Department to spend a total of \$6,900.00 for the 2 radios, and 3 computers.

Fleshman suggested \$590.00, being the cost of one of the laptops, come from General Fund. Cook opposed. Fleshman reminded the Board that they had purchased 3 Motorola Handheld's for the Fire Department using the General Fund.

**Vice-Chairman Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.**

## **RESOLUTION 17-296**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Police Department to purchase two radios and three computer/laptops, in the amount of \$6,900.00, with \$590.00 of the amount coming from the General Fund.**

Chairman Horn seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes, Cook, yes.

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Sergeant Moore was bit by a dog on the hand, at the thumb. Chief Smith requested that the Board approve Sergeant Moore to be on injury leave for one day.

**Chairman Horn moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.**

**RESOLUTION 17-297**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves Sergeant Todd Moore one day of injury leave.**

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes, Cook, yes.

Chief Smith went over the monthly STATS for August: 73 accidents, 147 citations, 81 warnings, 76 offences, 811 calls, 361 pick-ups, 7,994 miles, 59 court cases, 0 officers called in, 48 impounded vehicles, and 20 released.

Resident: Robyn stated people were cutting through the church property on Nathan. Chief responded that the SIU is looking into search warrants.

**Road Department:** Jim Stevens: We are going to hold off on applying for the grant to repave Havenwood. The streets have to be pulled up and totally redone. The County Engineers will draw up a design for the whole project. If we put sidewalks in, it will make getting the grant easier. Jim Stevens requested the Board to approve him to draft up a letter asking for assistance from the Engineers. The estimated cost for this project is \$750-900,000.00. Once we have the drawings, we will give a copy of them with the estimated cost to get the grant.

Cook motioned to allow Stevens to write the letter. Fleshman seconded.  
Fleshman, yes. Horn, yes. Cook, yes.

Sewer project: the Engineers have come up with a plan to have the paving completed by the end of October.

Fleshman stated how hard Jim Stevens works on the Townships behalf. By producing pictures of before and after on the project, when something is in need of being addressed and repaired and the "proof" is shown that it was damaged during the Sanitary Sewer Project the Franklin County Sanitary Engineers agrees to fix the issue.

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Box trucks were brought up as an issue in the Township. Residents are bringing them home, and parking them on the streets, causing damage to the roads. Stevens and Chief Smith are working on a plan to stop residents from being able to do that.

Construction will begin the Spring of 2019 at Frank and I-71.

Stevens explained, and passed around pictures, of the problem on the “S-curve” of Big Run Road. There is a 12 ft. drop into a creek, with only 24” between the road and the drop itself. It is incredibly dangerous and only getting worse. The Franklin County Engineers have come up with a plan to re-enforce the bank of Big Run Creek by adding Dump Rock and Anchor Systems along the bank and extend the Guardrail to add extra safety to the curve. Stevens requested a resolution to allow this work to be done.

**Chairman Horn moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.**

**RESOLUTION 17-298**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to pay Franklin County Engineers to pave part of Big Run Road, and apply “dump rock”, anchor systems, and extend the guard rail. Cost not to exceed \$38,670.00.**

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes, Cook, yes.

**Vice-Chairman:** Fleshman: Broadlawn Block Watch is looking to do a fall clean up, and is asking we supply trash bags and “grabbers”. Horn suggested asking SWACO for “grabbers”, as we only have 2 at the Township. Stevens suggested them having 1 local spot to bring their trash, and the Road Department would pick it up the following Monday.

Fall Clean Up Day scheduled for: October 28-29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Drug take back day is also the 28<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Fire Department:** Chief Welch: Our insurance representative, and the assistant both resigned from the insurance company we are a part of. Chief Welch is looking into options for the Township, being as how the insurance company we are a part of will no longer be around. 1) we can stay with

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Jefferson Healthcare. They provide everything except an HRA. 2) We could join United Health Care. Franklin County is a part of the consortium, and it is said that most are very happy with the insurance benefits. If we join the consortium, there is a \$3,000.00 administration fee.

Cook suggested we bring Brian Savage in to see what insurance options he can bring to the Township. Fleshman stated there is a "Non-compete" clause in place. Both Horn and Fleshman suggest Chief Welch get all information available from all options. Then a decision can be made. Chief Welch was thanked by many for taking the time, and putting in the effort to find the best insurance for the Township.

Fire Station 193 would like to use House Funds to add a memorial on truck 193, for 2 Firefighters that passed.

Fleshman motioned to allow Station 193 to add a memorial on engine 193.

Horn seconded. Vote: Fleshman, yes. Horn, yes. Cook, yes.

Welch mentioned a free educational class and testing for HIV and Hep B, to happen at the Township. David Baker would like to give a presentation at the next meeting.

**Building Department:** Jessica Rice: 3464 Dover Rd. has gone into the Ohio forfeiture, and was not given to the Township.

The cash drawer needs to be increased from \$100.00 to \$200.00, because the impound fees have gone up to \$50.00, and change is not able to be made.

Fleshman made a motion for the Fiscal Office to make a check out to the Chairman in the amount of \$100.00, to be cashed and put in the counter drawer.

Horn seconded. Vote was taken: Fleshman, yes. Horn, yes. Cook, yes.

Resident: Mike stated that he was upset that the reason for tabling the minutes was not given. Horn expressed his frustrations about past minutes being behind, and stated, "I promise they won't get behind again." Fleshman explained again, how he was waiting on the explanation of the discrepancy of the Bills and Payroll on the minutes, before he could approve them for them to be posted.

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Vice Chairman Flehsman made a motion with no further business to discuss to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Horn seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes, Cook, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm

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Ralph Horn, Chairman

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John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman

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Don Cook, Trustee

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Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer

Minutes Taken and Typed By: Erin Crome